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Dear Mr. Clark:

I was distressed to hear that your schedule precludes a visit to Washington in the immediate future. You will, of course, be fully informed of what transpires at the Joint Coordination Committee meeting, but we in Washington had looked forward to making your acquaintance.

I believe that Mr. Marriott has expressed a preference for 1 December as the date of the meeting, which is completely acceptable to us, and we are looking forward with pleasure to seeing him at that time.

As soon as the agenda has been agreed upon, I will forward a copy to you for your consideration prior to the meeting. This will enable you to express your views to Mr. Marriott before his departure.

Sincerely,

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George G. Carey

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Dear Mr. Carey,

I am sorry that I have not had an earlier opportunity of following up decisively my letter of June 20th. In the meantime, however, Mr. Marriott has I know been in separate correspondence with Mr. Warfield. Owing to some major staff changes here and miscellaneous outside commitments we have had to contend with many uncertainties during the past few months.

The situation has now hardened to a point where - with regret - I have to say that I shall personally be unable to be away from London before the end of the year, and I may well be tied here, inescapably, for at least the first two or three months of 1953. The main and decisive reason is that a major enquiry into our activities by an Independent Committee of experts is being arranged by the Government and is likely to start its examination in the course of the next month or so. Their deliberations may last a considerable time.

In the circumstances I will gladly arrange for Mr. Marriott to come alone to Washington at some mutually convenient time, and I understand that Mr. Warfield has indicated that the end of November or perhaps early December would be suitable from your point of view. I shall look forward to hearing from you about this and will then concert detailed plans with Marriott.

Yours sincerely,

  
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